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Application of: Khoo, *et al.*
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MAMMAL

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), please amend the Application and consider the Remarks as set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims beginning on page 2 of this Amendment.

Remarks in support of the amendments to the Claims and in response to certain previous Examiner assertions begin on page 4 of this Amendment.

Please charge any shortage in fees or credit any excess fees during the entire pendency of this Application to Deposit Account No. 502957.